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HHHS receives \$130K for infrastructure upgrades

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Haliburton hospital's emergency department will soon have better access with \$130,000 of provincial funding announced Oct. 12 intended to fund the replacement of the building's main doors.

The automatic doors of the main entrance, which have exceeded their life expectancy, were the backdrop of the announcement, made by Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock and Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Carolyn Plummer.

"These doors have been in place basically since this portion of the building was built, so over 20 years and they've been operating over 20 years, and as I'm sure you can imagine they get used very frequently ... by the public, by our staff, by residents and patients alike," said Carolyn Plummer, president and CEO of HHHS. "They are well beyond their life expectancy and the repairs have been more frequent over the last two, three years. Unfortunately the door company we purchased these from is now no longer in existence, and the parts are becoming obsolete. To keep our infrastructure up to date, we're really excited to be replacing these doors."

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Rachelle Richard of View Lake in City of Kawartha Lakes took advantage of a quieter weekday to look for a perfect view of the changing leaves from Panoramic Park in Minden. Leaf peepers visiting the area over the Thanksgiving weekend were treated to peak fall colours. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Second shoreline bylaw survey seeks feedback

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

As part of a public consultation process, a second survey has been launched to offer property owners, residents and business owners in Haliburton County a chance to share their thoughts on a new shoreline preservation bylaw. Respondents have until Oct. 19 to offer feedback through the online survey.

Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Limited and J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd., the companies hired by the county for the

creation of the bylaw after significant controversy and public criticism of a draft bylaw in early 2020, have sought public feedback through two virtual open houses, stakeholder interviews and one survey over the past few months. This second survey asks for opinions on topics such as shoreline buffer widths, built-in flexibility provisions and transition provisions.

"The survey is intended to seek feedback on options for a new draft shoreline preservation bylaw informed by the scientific literature review findings and land use planning

review findings," reads the survey introduction. "The information collected through this survey will be used to further inform the consultants' advice to county council."

Responses to the survey are confidential and shared in aggregate form. It is available through the county's website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca or in print from Stephen Stone, the county's director of planning, who can be reached at ssstone@haliburtoncounty.ca.

A new draft shoreline preservation bylaw is expected to come to county council later this month.

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Funding will cover replacement of automatic doors

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They're great, they're automatic doors, they're accessible, so it certainly helps the public to be able to get into our facilities and access the services and it helps our staff as well."

According to a press release from Scott's office, the funding is part of the government's \$182.6 million investment provided through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund.

"Throughout the pandemic, our local hospitals have gone above and beyond to provide exceptional care to patients and families in Haliburton County," said Scott in a press release. "This new funding will help improve operations and support capacity building to ensure residents of Haliburton and surrounding areas have access to quality health care services."

HHHS received \$1.3 million in funding in 2020-21 through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Local Health Integration Network for critical infrastructure upgrades.

Last Thursday, Scott was in Lindsay to announce \$1.7 million in funding for Ross Memorial Hospital.

with files from Darren Lum

MPP Laurie Scott was at the Haliburton hospital on Oct. 12 to announce \$130,000 in funding to cover the expense of purchasing and installing two sets of automated doors at the main entrance of the hospital. /DARREN LUM Staff



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HHHS staff now required to be fully vaccinated by Nov. 15

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

In a reversal from an earlier decision discussed at a Sept. 23 Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting, staff and physicians working in HHHS hospitals, long-term care facilities and community programs must now be fully vaccinated by Nov. 15.

As previously reported, at the board meeting, president and CEO Carolyn Plummer spoke to the decision to not make vaccinations among medical staff mandatory, as some health facilities have done in other areas, noting that the HHHS policy took into consideration a number of factors including

choice and availability of health care professionals in the region. Staffing shortages were already an issue, and if vaccination among staff were to be made mandatory, the requirement could lead to even more drastic staffing shortages.

At that time, a total of 88 per cent of staff had had a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, while 85 per cent were fully vaccinated. As of Sept. 7, a vaccination policy had been implemented for HHHS staff, with a requirement for proof of vaccination or written proof of a valid medical exemption while unvaccinated staff, including those with medical exemptions, were required to complete an education program regarding COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine safety, and undergo regular surveillance testing for COVID-19.

On Oct. 1, the provincial government announced that COVID-19 vaccinations would be mandatory for all long-term care home staff in the province and the HHHS policy changed soon after that.

"The vaccine policy process is one that has evolved over time; the decisions have been difficult, and have not been made lightly," Plummer told the *Times* in response to the change. "When the initial iteration of our vaccination policy was implemented, our vaccination rate was lower – i.e., fewer staff were vaccinated; also at that time, we were facing significant staffing challenges. Like several other smaller hospitals and healthcare organizations, we were concerned that a vaccine mandate could result in the need to reduce or even close some of our services. We also knew the policy would evolve as the overall situation across the province evolved. At this point in time, more and more healthcare organizations are mandating vaccines, and the Ministry of Long-Term Care has now mandated vaccines for all long-term care staff, including those at HHHS who staff our two long-term care homes. Based on the need to support equity across the organization while also creating a safe environment for our patients, residents, clients, and staff, we updated our policy accordingly. At the time of the most recent policy revision, our staff vaccination rate has improved and our staffing challenges are less acute than they were several weeks ago."

Plummer said both positive and negative feedback had been received regarding the initial policy direction and the revised policy direction.

with files from Katrina Boguski

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AH council supports ‘tremendously valuable’ concerns regarding tower

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

Algonquin Highlands council is deferring until November a decision on extending a previous letter of concurrence for a proposed telecommunication tower requested by Rogers Communication Inc., and asking questions about the possibility of co-locating the planned tower on the existing Bell tower already in the area as well as shielding residents from tower lights.

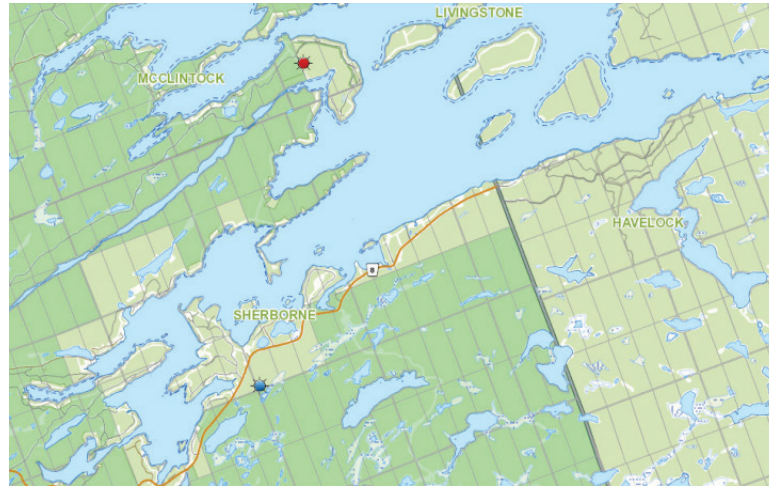
Planner Sean O’Callaghan brought the correspondence from Rogers for the requested extension to council on Oct. 7 at a meeting held virtually. The tower had been presented to council by Rogers a number of years ago, in March 2015, alongside public consultation and was approved then but not constructed within the required three years.

An extension on the previous letter of concurrence was requested in November 2018. A new extension would expire in 2024, though the request for the updated letter of concurrence from Rogers notes the company “anticipate[s] that construction will be completed prior to the end of 2022 but due to the nature of the business, timelines can be delayed for reasons outside of our control.”

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux shared the remarks of a constituent in the area who has a “long memory of these things,” and said that at the time of the initial proposal, residents had asked for the possibility of co-location with a Bell tower if that tower was erected in the area first.

The Rogers tower, a 35-metre monopine telecommunication tower, would be located on Maple Ridge Road in Dorset, near Kawagama Lake, approximately five kilometres from the 30-metre monopine tower since put in place and owned and operated by Bell. At that time, the option to co-locate was disqualified by Rogers engineers, who stated the Bell tower “would not meet the coverage requirements suitable for the Rogers network.”

“Co-location is a fairly routine thing to do and the constituent who wrote in said the cell signal from that tower is quite strong within the area suggesting that the Rogers signal would also be quite strong from that area,” said Dailloux. She suggested Rogers



The site of the proposed monopine tower on Maple Ridge Drive in Dorset, off of Kawagama Lake. /County of Haliburton map

be asked about co-location, and also about the possibility of shielding some of the light from the tower meant to support air traffic and safety that was reflecting downwards toward residences and lakes.

“What options do we have around those concerns?” Mayor Carol Moffatt asked O’Callaghan. “They’re tremendously valuable. The lights are a huge issue for anybody, they’re just really annoying. Do we have any options?”

O’Callaghan said he had posed both questions to his contact at Rogers but had not received correspondence in time for council. He said that when co-location was looked at years ago, Rogers was not in favour of it.

“In this letter, Rogers was explaining that this site was specifically chosen to work with their equipment that they already have in place, with their towers,” he said. “I’m not an expert in this field by any means, but I have to rely on what they’re saying, that they’ve looked at this site and this is the only site that would work best for them, however it doesn’t hurt to ask, so I have posed that question to them.”

“I’d certainly like to do that,” said Moffatt. “When you look at the map and where the two towers are, we’ve got a massive county and a massive township under our own jurisdiction, and there’s two towers that are within – I know they’re not, but that are within spitting distance of each other. And it’s outrageous. They just don’t like to co-locate. That’s what I believe, that that’s the bottom line, they just don’t want to. I think we need

to push a little bit on this. It seems completely unreasonable to put more fake trees and more lights in the sky, that close together.”

“If they are concerned that there would be a reduction in service or there is some other disadvantage to co-location, perhaps they could outline those changes and those differences in their evidence to us, so if it’s only a really, really small amount, we could encourage and push for co-location a little bit further,” said Dailloux. “If it’s a large amount, obviously that’s fine but I tend to agree with Mayor Moffatt, I wonder if it’s more a question of will than of science and technology. It would be good to get the evidence on that.”

Moffatt noted that while the township did move away from the Industry Canada standard process to develop its own process a few years ago, it was not “an approval authority,” and the letter of concurrence only confirms that Rogers followed the protocol as outlined.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, who is also the county warden, acknowledged that a difference from when the tower was first proposed is that Rogers was recently the successful bidder on the contract for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network’s cell gap project, valued at more than \$300 million and including an upgrade to existing towers and construction of 300 new cell towers through eastern Ontario to improve cellular calling service, ability for users to run video and applications and stream high-definition video.

“That would definitely have changed the picture for them, but you know, Rogers also talks about how well they work with municipalities, and about partnerships, so it’s definitely worth an effort in trying to get some cooperation from them,” she said, later adding: “Right after they were awarded that contract they put out a public statement about the work they would do with partners and municipalities, and the good things that they do, and it certainly wouldn’t hurt to remind them of that.”

County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current High Risk Contacts	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to Date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	0	0	0	148	147	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	5	14	0	1,300	1,250	51	45	13
Northumberland	13	79	1	1,018	988	36	17	0
Total***	18	107	2	2,466	2,385	90	63	13

No COVID-19 cases in Haliburton County

As of Oct. 12, Haliburton County was reporting no COVID-19 cases, current high-risk contacts or current probable cases, according to the local health unit. Four new cases in City of Kawartha Lakes and eleven new cases in Northumberland County were reported that same day. /Screenshot from HKPRDHU website

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October 14 – Regular Council Meeting
October 28 – Regular Council Meeting

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Dated this 12th day of October, 2021.

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Allowing beer at the arena brews spirited discussion

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

Beer will soon be available at Huskies' games, but so will an alcohol-free 'family zone,' at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

In a report to Minden Hills council Oct. 4, Craig Belfry, director of community services, said there was a need to expand the licensable areas for liquor sales beyond the community centre for potential future events in the facility, and also allow game day sales of alcohol as an "economic driver" for the Haliburton County Huskies Junior A hockey team. The topic had first been broached in April, but Belfry had been asked by councillors then to offer more information.

Last week, he told council the township would have to modify its existing licence with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to extend the licensable area to the gym activity space; the ice rink during off-season; the viewing area and lobby area; ice rink seating and the warm viewing area.

To enable the Huskies to sell alcohol at their games without having to apply for a special occasion permit at a cost of \$150 for each of their 22 regular season home games, Belfry recommended that council declare each of their home games as "events of municipal significance," issuing a letter about declaring playoff games municipally significant events as well once dates are determined.

The Huskies had also requested that the sale of alcohol be permitted in the ice rink seating area.

"As the township recognizes that the Haliburton Huskies are an important tenant, and that their games will have an economic impact on the municipality as whole, staff believe that alcohol sales should be granted in

the ice rink seating area, however, staff also believe that an area should also be reserved as a 'family zone' for those patrons who wish to sit in such an area where no alcohol is permitted," said Belfry. "An area of 54 seats at the northeast end of the seating area can be sectioned off and clearly marked and signed for this designation, and would be under the game day supervision of the Halliburton Huskies. This area is also furthest away from the point of alcohol sales."

While councillors largely agreed on expanding the licensable areas, they had much to say on the topic of beer and designated seating at the games.

Mayor Brent Devolin told councillors that when he went to the homeopener game on Oct. 2, he met with the owners of the Huskies and said everyone was willing "to see how it goes, whether it's problematic or not and they're malleable on a go-forward basis as additional things need to be added."

"Let me start off categorically by saying I like hockey and I like beer," said Councillor Bob Carter. "Those aren't the issues." He said he was concerned about the family atmosphere, that 88 per cent of the facility would be made available for alcohol while only 12 per cent would not, and that he thought a compromise of 50/50 was important to ensure the arena was more family-oriented.

"I am still of a mind that we should be limiting the sale of alcohol in the stands, particularly in the first year until we see how it's going," he said, noting he thought availability of beer should be limited to the warm viewing area and the bar. "Right now, the idea of 54 seats or whatever it was being used as the family zone, that's less than 12 per cent of the capacity of the facility, which doesn't seem to be a very family-friendly approach. I don't know what the right number is but I can tell you that right

now, I can tell you that the family zone should be 390 seats, which is all the stands, and we see how it goes."

Councillor Jean Neville said she disagreed with Carter.

"It has been an uphill battle even to get the renovations done, through COVID, through vaccine clinic, why we're throwing more obstacles in the way of this opportunity to have a Junior A hockey team here, I don't understand. Why are we going to worry about things that might not happen? ... I'm sure that people who are going to be drinking there, I'm sure are drinking at home in front of their children as well, so I don't know why we're throwing more roadblocks in the way of this excellent opportunity for our municipality."

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell agreed with Neville.

"I think we can leave it as it is, give it a try, there's no reason why we can't pull it back later if there's an issue and change the policy, but I mean you can sit at the Blue Jays game in every seat pretty much and have a beer, so I think until we have an issue I probably would have it open as the director has suggested."

Councillor Pam Sayne said she agreed with Carter, and that she didn't feel he was trying to block the situation.

"I think we have supported this rink in many, many ways from the Scouts [hall] to the use of the gym to the two dedicated washrooms, to the timing of ... I think we've done a lot," she said. "I have raised in the past that I would like to see the municipality have some interest in the sale of the liquor. I realize it's very expensive to run this team, but we have to remember, this is a private company. We're not working with a municipal company and we have to treat them the same as we would any other group in agreement. I am concerned with the perceived bias."

Sayne also said she was concerned allowing drinking at the game would compete with the drinking establishments downtown.

Devolin responded, "from a technical point of view, junior hockey teams in Ontario might be technically for profit, but from a practical point of view, at best they break even and most of them are subsidized by their owners to be perfectly honest, so that they're taking bags of money out of the community is preposterous. Over \$100,000 in improvements to the facility, already, the economic activity that it's spurred, those downtown establishments are excited beyond belief with the comings and goings of the events with hockey and the other types of events that we'll have that will be licensed in the facility, they're ecstatic about it. It brings people to town, they'll maybe have a meal before or after the event."

"I don't see how this is competing with downtown businesses at all," said Schell. "If this is a concert or something that was coming, you're paying a ticket to get in. If you were going to serve alcohol - or any kind of dance or party - we wouldn't say that was competing with the downtown businesses. I don't think people are going to come into town and decide to buy a hockey ticket so they can drink some beer at night. If they're not interested in hockey, they're going to go to the establishments that serve alcohol downtown."

"Councillor Carter's going on the assumption that the parents and adults that are there are not responsible parents and adults, and I guarantee you they're a lot more responsible than they were in my day," said Neville. "I know darn well that if a family's going out, they will make sure they have a designated driver, and nobody's going to sit there and get hammered. ... When my kids were playing hockey there were lots of hockey moms and hockey dads that made lots of altercations without any alcohol present, so I don't just see why we are nitpicking about this. If there's a problem we can dial it back."

"I can't predict who's going to drink too much and drive from that hockey rink and I don't want to pretend that I could," responded Sayne. "And I can't pretend that everybody is going to be safe there. I certainly hope so. I don't think that is even an issue here. That is something we have across wherever in terms of where there's drinking. My focus is on - what we're seemingly trying to do here is separate drinking from the hockey establishment, and I don't want to do that. If I go with children to this hockey game and we're cheering, and I want a cold beer, I don't want to have to change my seating to do that. I also don't expect to use this as a drinking establishment. I want to make sure that we're not competing with our downtown establishments, and I think having a cold beer and watching a hockey game is very different than having a bar to go to. I want to make sure we're marketing hockey and not a place for drinking."

"My sole argument here is on the serving or use of liquor in the stands," said Carter. "You know, I believe that there are people - including myself - who don't mind going to a hockey or baseball game and having a cold beer while they watch, but I also understand there are people who want to have a more family environment which does not include having people drinking alcohol around them. I'm just trying to respect the wishes of the total population. I just feel that having only the 54 [seats] which is again, 12 per cent of the capacity to be the family proportion is just not enough. I'm looking to come up with some better number. That's solely my position. I don't really care about anything else, except trying to respect those people."

Devolin said the third section of the seats could be the family section, and additional signage could be put into place. Belfry agreed, and said the Huskies could survey their season ticket holders on their preference. Sayne asked if, rather than separate sections, the alcohol might be allowed in some rows and seats.

"I think having been to enough sporting events, that if we're doing it that way I would say it would be less successful, because if somebody upsets a beer, it can go a couple of rows up or down, where if they're segregated way over there, short of somebody picking a beer glass up and throwing it, half the length of the arena, it's very unlikely," said Devolin. "Also, conversations or you're worried about those that might have a drink, might say some things that are less family appropriate - I think if we physically separate them it would be a lot more successful than trying to do it row by row."

"OK, just to say I would hope that we don't end up in those situations with this and that's why I kind of like the idea of not having a separate situation, just people being responsible," said Sayne. "If we don't think that people can be responsible then we have to divide it up."

"And if our results are, that they go swimmingly, that we have zero incidences in a whole year, we can modify and go through that route," said Devolin. "We'll see how it goes. If we're back here in a few months with some bad news, we can make the next adjustment or if by the end of a whole season, things are all positive, prior to another season, we revisit it."

Belfry said the Huskies would be responsible for serving the alcohol properly, and would also provide security.

Sayne thanked Belfry and council for the discussion.

"I like the fact that we had this dialogue," she said. "It's not a matter of being for or against anything, it's a matter of making sure all the information is out there - what little we have because we have no experience on this. I just want to appreciate everybody on council for bringing up their perspectives on this because it is new."

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24K people remain unvaccinated across region

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference held Oct. 6 with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking.

As of last week, 80.7 per cent of the population across the health unit have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, while 85.5 per cent have received one dose of vaccine.

Bocking said that means 24,000 people who are aged 12 or older are eligible to be vaccinated but have not received one dose. To achieve 90 per cent coverage, she said 12,000 more individuals in the area would need to be vaccinated.

Characteristics of cases over the past 14 days

Across the region, there have been 2,449 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic was declared in March 2020. At the time of the press conference, there were 16 active cases, two of those in Haliburton, five in City of Kawartha Lakes and eight in Northumberland County. Sixty-four high-risk contacts were associated with those cases.

In the last 14 days, of 39 cases, 23 per cent

were aged 30 to 39, 20.5 per cent of cases were among individuals less than 20. Of the 39 cases, 43.6 per cent had no identifiable source of transmission, 30.8 were identified to be a household contact and 17.9 per cent had had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

Vaccination status of local COVID-19 cases

Since July 1, 289 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed throughout the region. Of those individuals, 65.1 per cent were not vaccinated; 19.7 per cent were partially vaccinated with one dose or with two doses but still within two weeks of their second dose and 15.2 per cent were fully vaccinated.

"This is consistent certainly with what's being seen province-wide, the vast majority of cases being among individuals that were either unvaccinated or only partly protected through COVID-19 vaccination," said Bocking.

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The show must go on

ATENDING A performance, going out for a special event, dressing up to the nines – these are some of the special moments in our life we have learned to cherish more over the past many months of the pandemic. While we certainly appreciated taking in live theatre or the orchestra or a concert or a dinner show in the beforetimes, not having access to such delights caused us to struggle and bemoan that loss of culture and entertainment because we understand the value of it all.

While the world is opening up and so we can once again be together to enjoy the feeling of an audience laughing together and applauding together, for kids in Haliburton County, the opportunity to see live entertainment specifically presented for them could be significantly diminished if volunteers don't join the current group of Razzamataz Kids' Shows organizers. Those long-time volunteers – a very small group of engaged and motivated parents who have seen their kids grow in the time they've offered to planning and presenting live family-friendly entertainment – have done a tremendous job and are ready to pass the torch to a new group of committee members.

The impact Razzamataz has had on the community over the past 35 years can't be understated. Kids dress up to attend shows and meet each other outside of school in one of the venues around the county with an undercurrent of anticipation in the crowd. The audience makes

up kids of all ages mingling from all schools in the community, including the homeschooled population. In many cases, the adults who take their children to Razzamataz shows grew up in Haliburton County attending Razzamataz shows themselves, and now get to share with their children the joy of live theatre – and also meet up with other parents in a family-friendly environment. Grandparents take their grandchildren for a Sunday afternoon outing that includes lunch out and time spent together taking in every type of entertainment imaginable, from a magic show,

live music, puppetry or acrobatics. Sometimes it's interactive, and a child volunteers to be on the stage, remembered by the crowd that enjoyed their bravery. After the show, the audience gets to meet with the performers up close, see their costumes, the

props they used, understand more how it all came together.

We appreciate the arts here, and while all art can be engaging to children, the art that is specifically designed for a young audience, accessible for families without the transportation or income for Toronto-based shows, and offers an atmosphere where parents and families can go out with ease, not worrying about fear of disrupting an audience that might expect a more quiet and calm experience should be celebrated, cherished and continued on. If you can help, please lend a hand – you might just be rewarded with a standing ovation.



SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Kwarky



"Ok, but after I fix it, I want a bedtime story."

The all-season SUV

THE OTHER day Jenn sat in my SUV for the first time in quite a while and immediately said, "Oh dear! I guess it's bow season for deer again."

"And here I thought you never paid any attention to the hunting seasons," I said.

"I don't," she replied. "But your car clearly smells like deer apples, deer mix and Tink's doe-in-heat attractant scent."

We rolled down the window and started driving towards our destination. But her observation got me thinking.

"It is that obvious?" I asked.

"Sure, it is. I bet I can tell you every season just by the way your car smells," she said.

"I strongly doubt it," I countered.

"How about winner buys lunch?" she said.

"You are on," I replied.

She then went on to recite what was a truly astonishing and mostly accurate list of scents and their corresponding sporting seasons.

"During the ice fishing season," she said, "your car always smells like frozen coffee, soaked mittens, lake ice and a week-old bait bucket."

As much as I would have liked to, I could not honestly disagree. In fact, she was absolutely correct.

"During the smelt season, it smells like soaked boot liners, creek bottom mud and an old dip net."

"Amazing," I said.

"During the wild turkey season," she continued, "all I can smell in here is damp feathers, a hint of gun oil and the overwhelming odour of insect repellent."

Again, she was spot on.

"Trout season," she explained, "unleashes that unforgettable odour of sweaty neoprene waders, Deep Woods Off and damp fish nets."

"You have an excellent memory," I finally conceded.

"Thanks," she replied. "I'm thinking I might

want a nice soup and salad."

"Not so fast. What about bass season?" I asked. "Does that have a smell too?"

"That's easy. Sunscreen, shore lunch, sweat and flooded outboard," she quickly replied.

She then went on to describe how my car smelled during bear season, which according to her was like 400 assorted donuts and half-finished cups of black coffee.

"Heck that donut smell is so persistent," she said. "It lingered right into the early goose season."

She then noted that early goose season smelled like freshly mowed hay with a hint of golf course.

"You're forgetting duck season," I said.

"Oh no, I'm not. Early duck season," she answered, "smells like wet dog, dried marsh mud and wood duck feathers. Late duck season smells like a combination of that, plus diving ducks and a hint of ice fishing."

She then went on to describe grouse hunting, which according to her smelled strongly of muddy dog and wild apples. And you

know, I believe she was right.

I had to admit, she had captured and described the smells of each season to a tee.

And, as if that weren't enough, she then mentioned that during the winter hare season, the car smelled like hound dogs and runny noses – which, I thought, was an inspired description.

I was ready to concede defeat when it suddenly occurred to me, I had not hunted bear this year.

Suddenly I was faced with a decision

It was either admit that and win the bet – or finally confess that I might have developed a bit of a donut problem last spring.

I thought about it and said, "You win.

Where would you like to go for lunch?"

"It's OK," she said. "I'm not all that hungry."

So, I took her for coffee and a donut instead.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Taking over the world

THEY ARE everywhere.

In the 70 acres of bush that I call home in Haliburton County, I estimate there are nearly 300 of them, and many more just beyond my property lines. They have me surrounded and I have visions of them taking over the entire world.

An exaggeration? Well, wildlife researchers say that one acre of land could hold as many as 30 of them. You do the math: the world has 37 billion acres of land and if each acre has 30 of them, they total 111 billion, outnumbering us humans by 104 billion.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

So yes, chipmunks are taking over the world. My world at least.

I can't walk a short distance without having one or two scamper across my path. When I cut firewood with my chainsaw, one comes close and stares up at me with a look that says: "Why are you here making all that racket?"

When I'm eating lunch on the deck, another approaches with accusing eyes: "Sure, we let you share our land but you won't share a morsel of your lunch!"

I don't know where they all came from suddenly.

There have been reports of chipmunk population explosions in parts of eastern Canada and the United States over the past two or three years. They have been regional increases, not widespread, with no definitive reasons.

Some wildlife experts say a milder winter and an abundance of acorns might be a reason.

Chipmunks in Canada usually have one litter of newborns a year while in the warmer south they have two litters – one in the spring and one in the fall. There is a theory that warming temperatures are shortening winters, allowing for two litters a year in parts of Canada.

Chipmunk litters usually are four to six kits, so an extra litter a year could increase populations significantly.

These little guys are cute and charming and amaze us with their busyness. They never stop scampering about, looking for things to eat and digging tunnels.

They store seeds, bugs and acorns in their little cheek pouches, which researchers say can hold more food morsels than most people would imagine. A researcher found that one chipmunk packed 60 sunflower seeds into one of its pouches.

Other research has determined that a four-ounce chipmunk can gather and store up to eight pounds of food a year in its underground burrow. Tunnelled burrows are as much as three feet below the ground surface and can be more than 30 feet in length.

The extensive burrowing is an issue for some people. They say that large numbers of tunnelling chipmunks can damage retaining walls, deck supports and even house foundations. Others say there is no real evidence that chipmunk tunnelling causes much landscape structural damage.

They can, however, give gardeners grief. This year we had no sunflowers because they dug up all the seeds we planted – several times. They also love to nibble on ripening tomatoes.

The biggest knock against chipmunks simply being fun little cuties came this year from Lake Tahoe, California. The United States Forest Service closed several popular Tahoe sites when bubonic plague was discovered among chipmunks there.

Bubonic plague occurs naturally in some higher elevations and is found in small rodents, such as chipmunks, and their fleas. Humans are infected if they are bitten by those fleas.

Bubonic plague, also known as The Black Death, killed millions of people around the world centuries ago. Today it is treatable and curable with drugs.

When chipmunk populations explode and damage lawns, gardens and flower beds, some people demand extermination programs. However, we humans need to accept that we just can't kill everything that disturbs our treasured modern lifestyles.

The U.S. Forest Service understands that. When some Tahoe chipmunks were found with the plague last summer it said it would not start eliminating chipmunks. Controlling the fleas would be a better approach.

At any rate, chipmunks carrying the plague are not an issue in our part of the world. They pose no threat to us, if we watch them from a distance and don't try to handle them.

As to them taking over the world, I guess that is an exaggeration. The little guys live only two or three years on average.

letters to the editor

A thank you to nurses for 'extraordinary effort'

To the Editor,

An open 'thank you' letter from the physician teams at Haliburton Highland Health Services

The physician teams at both the Minden and Haliburton sites of Haliburton Highlands Health Services would like to acknowledge and thank the nursing staff for the work they have done and continue to do despite exhausting circumstances. A popular phrase 'health care never sleeps' used to allude to the fact that health care is available days/nights/weekends and holidays and this continues to be true.

What is different in the last 18 months is that those dedicated nurses who need desperately to rest and refuel in order to continue with the day-to-day demands of work have had very little opportunity to do so.

In our county just as the general population began to enjoy the benefit of low COVID-19 case counts resulting from public health restrictions

and vaccination roll out, summer was upon us and our population exploded with demands on our hospitals rising exponentially. The prospect of nurses 'gearing up' for the busy summer when already overworked added emotional burden to the physical exhaustion already present. Despite this, nurses continued to show up and support both the needs of this county and their hard-working colleagues.

Nurses, we believe that the broader population supports your tireless work. We condemn anyone who directs inappropriate protests or comments in your direction but most importantly we thank you – and all the staff who support what nurses do – for the extraordinary effort and ongoing service you provide to the residents of this county who have and continue to benefit from your care.

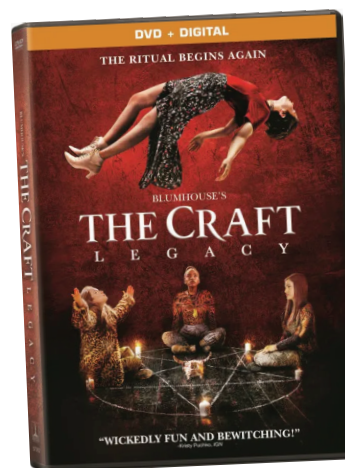
**The Physician Teams
Haliburton Highlands Health Services**



Gaggle of geese

A group meeting takes place on Bobcaygeon Road to work out some of the flight details prior to an annual vacation south. /Submitted by Guenter Horst

HCPL's DVD of the Month - October



Blumhouse's The Craft: Legacy

Though Lily Schechner thought a display of her strange mental abilities would make her an outcast at her new high school, it only intrigued three of her new classmates. Frankie, Tabby and Lourdes are not like the girls at her old school. They're looking for a fourth to complete their coven of aspiring teenage witches, and Lily appears to be the perfect fit. But the eclectic foursome get more than they bargained for as they dabble and lean into their newfound powers. Their new dark abilities are hard to control, and might not be enough to save them from the secrets that Lily's mom and stepdad-to-be seem to be hiding. A dark and delicious sequel to 1996's cult classic, *The Craft: Legacy* scratches all the same itches, and is a great movie to watch during the "spooky" month, especially by flickering candlelight of a carved pumpkin.

Check it out from the Haliburton County Public Library today.

U-Links supports a science-based shoreline bylaw

Our research supports the social, cultural economic and environmental sectors in the region, increasing the capacity of organizations, municipalities and group initiatives resulting in lasting and tangible benefits to these sectors. Approximately 80 per cent of our efforts are currently environmental in nature, and of these, the vast majority address issues relevant to water quality conservation, lake health and environmental protection.

Dr. Andy Gordon is the newly appointed director of U-Links, replacing Amanda Duncombe-Lee who stepped down in July to pursue other opportunities. In his previous career at the University of Guelph, one of Dr. Gordon's research interests was the interaction of terrestrial and aquatic systems. He has investigated energy and nutrient flow across many different types of ecotones, from agricultural systems in southern Ontario to lake ecotones in temperate and boreal forests. With respect to the proposed shoreline bylaw, Gordon points out that there is not a unique and definitive study within Haliburton County that addresses all components of the bylaw but is also quick to refer interested persons to the U-Links website. "There you will find a complete description of our activities, including those associated with the Woodlands and Waterways EcoWatch Program (www.wwew.ca). You will also find a link to our searchable database, which documents over 400 research studies that have been completed since 1999. Keywords like 'shoreline' and 'aquatic' will direct you to the projects most relevant to the shoreline issue."

"We have made the shoreline consultants (Richards and Associates, Hutchinson Environmental Services) and Haliburton County councillors aware of this resource and hope that relevant

components of our database end up in the discussion."

U-Links is not an advocacy group, although we supply scientific information to others who are, such as the Kennis Lake Cottage Owners Association (KLCOA), with whom we have co-operated on at least 14 aquatic-related projects over the past 15 years. (We partner with many lake associations – at last count, with 14 on WWew alone). The benthic-monitoring program has proven to be very popular, but Gordon cautions that a direct cause and effect relationship between the presence of human-made structures associated with cottage development and the diversity of benthic organisms is complicated and elusive.

"We have a good history in this area, but more research is needed."

Gordon indicates that the vast majority of research studies link undisturbed shorelines with improved water quality.

"There are several issues at play here," he says. "First, shrubs, trees and other plants stabilize the soil surface, preventing or decreasing overland flow – especially important with respect to phosphorus inputs to lakes. Second, the rooting systems of these plant communities intercept nutrients (largely nitrate and ammonium) in shallow-surface ground water flows. Finally, near-shore plant communities contribute litter (known as litterfall) to lake systems in the fall. This is a hugely important source of energy for aquatic communities."

Gordon also notes that shoreline vegetation can influence the emission of greenhouse gases but is loath to speculate on a cause-effect relationship with respect to Haliburton County lakes, citing a lack of local studies that have investigated this.

"We'd have to do the local research," he said.

Gordon notes that even highly degraded lakeshores that are devoid of vegetation can be rehabilitated. It takes some time, but the replanting of trees and shrubs in riparian zones will eventually result in the restoration of the important ecological functions noted above.

"In southern Ontario, we have seen examples of devastated streams draining agricultural areas that were largely devoid of fish and bugs. Ten to 15 years after planting tree and shrub buffers on either side of the stream, there was a noted improvement in water quality and the return of healthy rainbow trout populations."

Gordon is quick to point out the differences between southern and central Ontario landscapes, and river and lake ecology. Still, he suggests the adoption of the 30-metre setback is appropriate for local lakes, given our local topographic conditions.

Gordon also refers to the presence of coarse woody debris in the near shore zone.

"I get it," says Gordon. "Nobody likes to go swimming on slimy rocks and logs – but the woody debris in near shore areas is hugely important. It provides structure for fish habitat, and the wood surfaces foster the development of biofilm – a unique combination of bacteria, fungi and other organisms." "This is the slime that everyone hates," laughs Gordon, "but it is really critical in that these organisms form the basis for food webs that nourish larger organisms such as insect larvae, which are consumed by fish, that are in turn consumed by larger fish and birds like osprey."

U-Links supports a science-based shoreline bylaw and urges the consultants, local politicians and other interested parties to embrace this by using as much local science, knowledge and research as is relevant to the topic.

Gordon stresses that in the area of environment and other sectors, U-Links is here to help Haliburton County realize its enormous potential.

"We're a very small-not-for profit organization, but folks should know, that on most issues, we are here to assist you in finding answers to your research questions."

For further information on this topic, please contact U-Links at admin@ulinks.ca.

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For the love of leaves

Six-year-old Maddie Duguay from Minden adores this season and the fun that fallen leaves can bring. See more students enjoying their downtime on page 16. /Submitted by Jaycee Conners

HHHS, HHCC announce new board appointments

Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Dr. Jan Walker has been appointed to the position of chair of the executive committee of the board of directors for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, following the resignation of David Gray.

Walker has been a member of the HHHS board of directors since 2015, most recently serving as vice-chair, and has also previously served as chair of the quality committee. A resident of Minden Hills, Walker has a PhD in epidemiology and is a principal in Belcourt Partners Inc., an independent health care consulting firm. She brings extensive experience with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, LHINs and hospitals to the role.

“We are very grateful to David Gray for his dedicated service to the Board of Directors and HHHS since 2016,” said Walker in a statement. “Under his leadership, the organization has persevered through the historic challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic, while continuing to deliver the high-quality health care services upon which our community relies. As chair of the finance committee and then vice-chair of the board, prior to becoming chair, David also helped ensure

HHHS maintained a balanced financial position.”

Walker noted that the board of directors will continue to provide leadership and oversight for HHHS

as it works to finish the fight against COVID-19, invest in its staff and physicians, advance partnerships, build the organization’s capacity to thrive, and transform the health services experience.

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has announced its new board of directors and executive committee for 2021 – 2022.

The 2021/2022 Board of Directors are:

- Mark Bell (President), independent businessperson
- Joe Cox (1st Vice President), Thomas Contracting
- Simon Payn (2nd Vice President), The Highlander
- Lisa Tompkins (Secretary), Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation
- Greg Hebert (Treasurer), Oakview Lodge & Marina
- Melissa Valentini, Up Right Roofing Inc.

- Terri Matthews-Carl, Rhubarb Restaurant
- Nick Folco, The Noble Barber
- Amy Joanu, Beauty Basics by Amy
- Joy Shikaze, MJS Communications
- Ron May, mortgage broker

Mark Bell will be president of the board, taking the position on from Andrea Strano. Previously, he held the position of board secretary.

“I am pleased to help our businesses transition and thrive as we emerge from this pandemic,” said Bell. “We have several new board members representing a variety of business segments within the county. The Chamber plays an important role delivering services to and advocating for local business.”

Strano will remain on the board in the role of past president to support the incoming board. A press release from the Chamber said that Andrea’s commitment and dedication to the Chamber “have been second-to-none during her five years on the board.”

-Staff

Hikers beware: black-legged ticks still active in fall

Winter may be coming, but black-legged ticks, which can carry the bacteria that causes Lyme Disease, remain active in temperatures of -5 C and higher. With just more than 30 cases of Lyme Disease identified in the Haliburton County, Northumberland County and City of Kawartha Lakes region each year, the health unit is reminding people that tick season isn’t over just yet.

“Black-legged ticks remain active, even in weather that’s only a few degrees above freezing,” said Richard Ovcharovich, Manager of Health Protection with the HKPR District Health Unit. “At this time of year, ticks are also looking to fill up for a final ‘blood meal’ before the onset of winter. Since many of us like to get outdoors in October to go for hikes and enjoy the fall

colours, we should be extra watchful for black-legged ticks.”

Black-legged ticks settle on tall grasses and bushes, and then attach themselves to a passing person or animal. Once attached, a tick will feed on the host’s blood. The longer a black-legged tick feeds, the more it becomes engorged and the greater the risk it can spread Lyme disease to a person.

To avoid ticks, the health unit suggests you: apply bug spray containing DEET on your skin and clothing; wear closed-toe shoes, long-sleeved shirts and pants; pull socks over your pant legs if possible; and stay on marked trails when walking in a nature area. To keep ticks away from your property, cut grass short and trim bushes and branches to let in sunlight. More tick prevention tips and additional Lyme resources are available on

the health unit website (www.hkpr.on.ca).

People should see a health care provider if a black-legged tick has been attached for more than 24 hours or is engorged (meaning it’s been feeding for some time). You should also seek medical attention if you experience symptoms of Lyme disease, such as skin rash, fever, headache and muscle/joint pain. If detected early, Lyme can be treated successfully with antibiotics.

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Extra! Extra! Bev and Pat Hicks deliver the news

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Last Saturday marked International Newspaper Carrier Day, and next month marks four years since

Bev and Pat Hicks have been steadfast newspaper carriers for the *Minden Times*.

"It's an important job, it's getting the news out there to everybody," said Bev. "It was Pat that wanted the job and I just decided to come along to be her driver, to help out."

Each Wednesday, the Hicks arrive at the *Times* office at 6:30 in the morning, where Gary and Sheila Burke are also doing essential work in organizing, labelling and sorting newspapers to go out.

"We just load the papers onto the truck, and then we're off for the day," said Bev.

It takes the Hicks about four hours to complete their 95-kilometre route – dropping papers off at the stores in Minden before heading for Carnarvon, to West Guilford, to Eagle Lake, to Haliburton and then back to Minden to stop in at the stores that weren't open earlier.

Bev, who is a church pastor, said it's during that time that he and Pat reflect.

"It's a time we enjoy together," he said. "Usually it's just a quiet time, we're away from everything, except what we do on the route."

It's not always a routine trip. Once, the Hicks spotted what appeared to be two lost dogs running down the road between Eagle Lake and Haliburton. After calling the dogs into the vehicle, they called Canoe FM having recalled hearing on the radio that a family was missing their pets.

"They just seemed to be very, very similar to the description on Canoe radio," said Bev. One of the dogs had been described as having a green collar.

"Well, lo and behold, the one dog had a green collar," said Bev.

The dogs had been missing for more than a week, and the family was surprised and excited to hear good news and have their pets back in their home. The Hicks chalk it up to being in the right place at the right time.

"I said, no problem, it's just a good thing we happened to be delivering papers that day and we just happened to come across them on the road," said Bev.

"That was a perk, that was a real perk," said Pat.

Bev and Pat have long worked out the delivery system that works best for them, often parking, separating, and meeting back at the truck.

"We just stop and get a coffee, something for breakfast, and



From left, Sheila and Gary Burke and Pat and Bev Hicks work to distribute the *Times* throughout the community. Last week marked the 81st National Newspaper Week, with Oct. 9 being recognized as Newspaper Carrier Day. /DEBBIE COMER Staff

we just kind of do our own thing," said Pat. "You get so you could do it with your eyes shut because you've memorized the route."

"She'll go one way and I'll go another way," said Bev.

"You get to know the people in the stores," said Pat. "They might not know your name, but you have a little chitchat with them, and it's good. Some of the places, you get to know some of the cashiers. I don't know their names, but they see you and you say, 'hi,' and 'yep, hopefully it's not going to snow today,' and you're on your way."

Along the route, or sometimes when it's done and the Hicks can sit with a coffee and tea, they read the paper – sometimes they're the first readers after the papers come in

from the truck.

"If the papers are late, and we're later getting there, they notice," said Pat. "Everyone's kind of scheduled, they kind of know within a 15-minute radius that you're going to be there. There are some in the convenience stores that are there, and as soon as you put the paper down, they've picked it up."

The early start time doesn't bother the Hicks much – Bev said when he worked at GM, a lot of the start-times were at six in the morning, so, "it's not really that bad, starting at 6:30 in Minden."

"It's dark," said Pat.

"It's dark," agreed Bev. "And then when we get into the warmer season it's nice to be there to see the sun rise."

Possible side effects

IF YOU'VE had the chance to watch American TV you've likely seen ads for prescription drugs. At the end of any of those ads there is a list of possible side effects. Cigarette packages come with a warning printed right there on the box. Smoking can cause lung cancer, heart disease and some other ugly health issues. This got me thinking, perhaps we need more reminding of the possible side effects of other activities in our lives.

Think about a commercial or advertisement that you've seen recently for a burger and fries. Bet your mouth starts watering just at the thought of it. That perfectly toasted bun, melted cheese delicately dripping from the top of the patty, crispy bacon nestled under the fresh lettuce and perfectly sliced tomato. You can imagine the taste of the secret sauce. Then, in the case of the TV commercial, there's a voice over that says: side effects may include indigestion, constipation, weight gain, diabetes and heart disease. Those side effects are real and we should be reminded of that every time we're encouraged to consume that meal.

There are side effects to everything that we do. Often the negative effects build up over long periods of time but they do happen. Things like:

- Excess screen time (TV and devices)
- Eating processed food
- Overeating
- Late nights
- Sitting for long periods on a regular basis.



Laurie Sweig
Practical Fitness

When we pick up a prescription at the drugstore we meet with a pharmacist who reviews how to take the medication and the possible side effects. What if we had to meet with a dietitian at the grocery store or the drive thru window? What if a physiotherapist popped onto the TV screen as soon as we turned it on and listed all the possible ailments we were exposing ourselves to by getting comfortable on that couch? I'd

like some specialist to pop up around 9:30 p.m. and tell me I'm gonna feel like sh*t tomorrow if I don't go to bed soon. That's a bit of an exaggeration but I never feel as good in the morning as I do when I get to sleep at a decent time.

Sadly, the powers that be will not issue warnings for the possible side effects of our current less-than-healthy activities so it's up to us. It starts with awareness. Get to know your weaknesses. No offence, but you do have them. I believe the greatest strength we can have is to know our weaknesses and then work to strengthen them. Don't wait for someone else to do it

for you.

* Possible side effects of reading this article include feelings of motivation, inspiration and empowerment. Something to think about.

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Razzamataz at a crossroads: help needed for the show to go on

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

For 35 years now, a few times throughout the year, a crowd of kids has entered through the doors of venues throughout the county prepared to form the audience taking in a Razzamataz Kids' Show: a magic show; a folktale retold by marionette puppeteers; a story of reconciliation shared through a play; a show of acrobatic stunts set to the drum beat of traditional West African music. Some of the kids come dressed in their best – this is a theatre outing, after all – and many come holding the hands of grandparents who are just as excited to take in a performance, or of parents who also attended shows presented by Razzamataz when they were children themselves.

A family entertainment presenters series, Razzamataz Kids' Shows began in 1986, first called the Haliburton County Children's Concert Series, for the purpose of hosting affordable, professional, live entertainment performances for family audiences. Performances were first held in the gyms of Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and then in the dining hall at YMCA Camp Wanakita, and the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, after it was constructed. Performers come from throughout the province, with Haliburton County through Razzamataz being part of a circuit that stretches to the Manitoba border, about 12 other venues being part of that circuit. They've also come from as far away as Zimbabwe, and Germany. Some hold workshops with the children separately from the performances.

"The performances presented by Razzamataz Kids' Shows continue to be the first introduction to the magic of live performing arts for many," reads a history of the group. "The long-standing success of our organization reflects the sustained interest in and need for affordable live children's entertainment close to home."

Now, the small group of long-time volunteer organizers that currently make Razzamataz Kids' Shows happen are looking for new members to expand the committee and take the family entertainment series forward.

"We want to pass on the torch, and make sure that Razzamataz can continue," said Isabel Buttler, who serves on the committee as secretary and has children who have grown up watching Razzamataz shows. "When I said we're discussing the future of Razzamataz, they were all very concerned because they loved going to performances, and the performances they have seen often come up in our conversations and in their play. For them, it's really a big, big part of their life."

Dawn Hurd, chairperson, joined the committee when her 12-year-old daughter was a baby.

"We do want to keep it alive," she said. "I think it's important to the community, and especially during these times ... We want to keep it alive in the county. For a small town, we have a lot of different types of activities, but a lot of families wouldn't be able to go to the city to watch a theatre show. They might not be able to due to income, and transportation. So we have something in our community that is - it's still hard to get to if you live

out in different areas and transportation's an issue or you can't pay for the ticket, we are flexible on that for sure - I think it's important for our community to continue seeing live theatre for children."

"The mandate of Razzamataz is really to provide access to live theatre for children and so far it has been primarily, the audience has been babes-in-arms up to maybe 10-years-old," said Buttler. "That's usually who comes to the theatre ... Even watching theatre, it's good for mental health for kids. It's good for families. Families that attend all the shows, they really enjoy doing something as a family. Because we're so small and we have been with Razzamataz for so long, we are at a crossroads but we don't want to just step down because we feel it would be a big gap - it would be a big loss to the community if children wouldn't have access to theatre."

"And I think it's good to have new ideas - new ideas, new people, new looks, new artists, new information, new venues - just because we're used to doing it, it's always nice to have a fresh look," said Hurd.

Razzamataz is funded by public funders and local groups and businesses that are "extremely supportive," said Buttler. Ontario Presents, Canadian Heritage and Ontario Arts Council all support the group, and tickets are heavily subsidized.

"They're all interested in making sure that children will continue to have access to performing arts, because the value of it is so great for mental health, for emotional intelligence, for teaching empathy, for enjoyment," said Buttler. "They do want to see this program continue."

For that to happen, the group needs volunteers who want to get involved, and there are roles for people with diverse backgrounds and skills, as well as those who are open to learning along the way as Hurd and Buttler themselves have done. Anyone with an interest in theatre technology, grant writing, liaising between venues and artists and schools, choosing programming and publicizing the shows would be a good fit.

"There are a lot of places where a person could plug in depending on the interest of people and how people want to be involved, there are a lot of different roles that could be taken on," said Buttler.

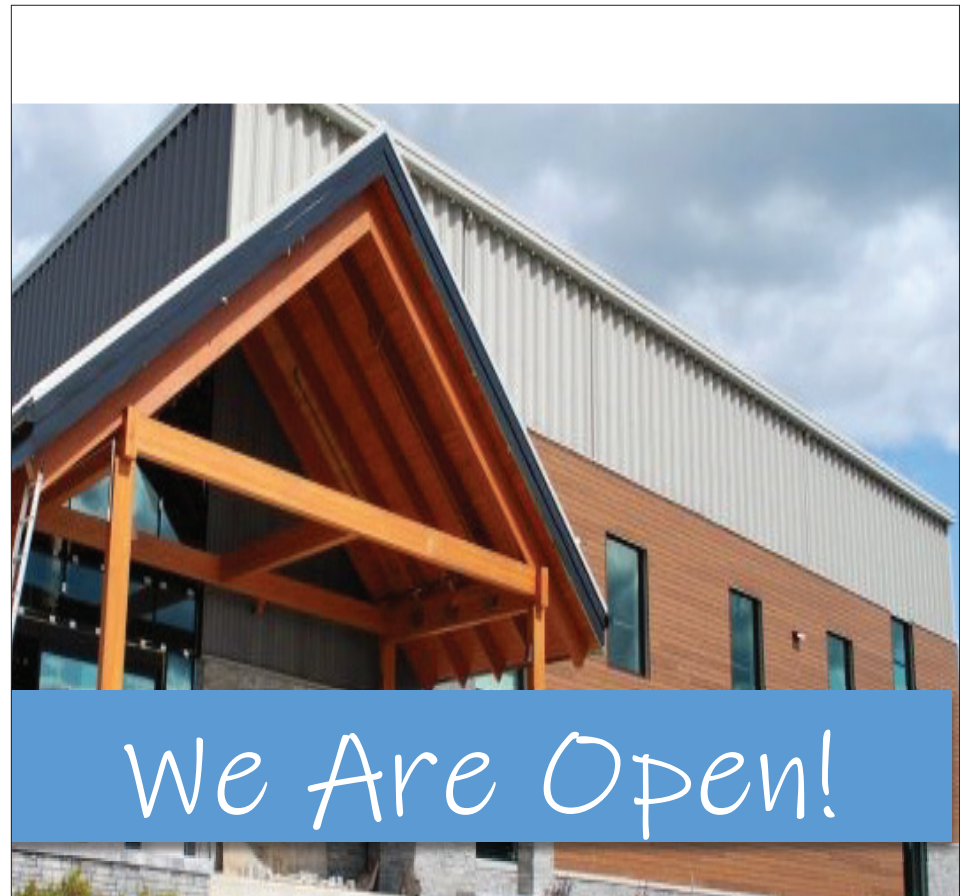
Those volunteers aren't required to be a parent or a grandparent.

"Everyone brings their own perspective and own knowledge, their own information," said Hurd. "The more people and different diversities is important, that's how we can make the shows and Razzamataz even better, when you have different people providing different information."

The current group would like to implement a spring show, but requires additional team members for that to happen.

"Ideally we will be able to get support to plan and implement a spring show; and whether or not we can run the spring show might depend on this support," said Buttler. "However, I would like to think that we will be able to do a spring show, either as a new start or a finale to a good many years of children's theatre in Haliburton County."

Those interested in volunteering with Razzamataz Kids' Shows should contact Dawn at 705-854-0728 or info@razzamataz.ca prior to December. For more information about the organization and what it offers, visit www.razzamataz.ca.



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Storm celebrate ceremonial puck drop

The Highland Storm under-18 rep team kicked off their season at the new S.G. Nesbitt Memorial arena in Minden and marked the occasion with a ceremonial puck drop performed by Diane Peacock, who was an arena building task force member, between Storm player Hunter Winder, from left, and Bancroft Jets player Ryker Huygen on Oct. 1. Teams are permitted to travel and compete with COVID-19 protocols, as outlined by the OMHA and the regional health unit. /Submitted by Kori Consack



Thunder struck at Ray's

A competitor with K5 Racing negotiates a turn in the unlimited class at the Thunder in the Hills event on Sept. 25 at Ray's Place in Minden. The K5 team finished fourth and the winner of the class was TMR Racing team. Thunder in the Hills is part of the TMR Customs Off Road Racing Series, which was created for four-wheel drive off road enthusiasts and includes unlimited, modified and stock classes. There are five races in the series. Ray's Place hosts two of them: Thunder in the Hills and Mayhem in Minden. See www.tmraceseries.com for results. The last race in the series is Off Road Onslaught on Oct. 16 in Belleville. /Submitted by Muddy Shot Photography



Competitors faced a variety of challenges at the Thunder in the Hills event on Sept. 25 at Ray's Place in Minden.



Off-road enthusiasts came to the Highlands for the Thunder in the Hills event on Sept. 25 at Ray's Place in Minden. This was the second time in the year off-road enthusiasts came to Minden to compete in a TMR Customs Off Road Racing Series race, which was created for four-wheel drive off road enthusiasts and includes unlimited, modified and stock classes.



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Hope for Hawks' season after Hurricanes loss

After close to two years, the Hawks returned to the pitch with spectators at a distance.

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The Red Hawks are back ... and it's a welcome sight for the community that had everyone smiling on and off the field hockey pitch after close to two years away because of COVID-19 restrictions aimed at preventing the spread of the virus.

Despite losing 1-nil to the visiting Holy Cross Hurricanes of Peterborough on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton, there is hope for a return to life before the pandemic and for success on the pitch.

The team's coach Steve Smith said the players were excited about participating in extra-curriculars, particularly team sports where they can compete against an opposing school. This was particularly true for the seniors, he added. For many of the first and second year players in this game it was their first high school competition.

The last time the school fielded teams also included disruptions to extracurricular activities related to teacher negotiations with the province. There were 15 teams that school year and that number may not be matched this year because of concerns related to the transmission of COVID-19, less students and fewer coaches available to even have programs to run. Football is not being offered and volleyball is being offered to boys, but only for skill development and will not include league play.

The Hawks field hockey team earned one of two team Kawartha championship titles in 2019. The other was by the boys' curling team, who went on to win COSSA for their all-provincial berth, but due to COVID-19 restrictions did not have an OFSAA championship to play.

Smith, who has spent much of his career coaching students and fostering a love of sport, said he appreciated being able to coach again.

"For me it is a pleasure to be able to coach again. I love being able to instill a love for a sport to a new generation. Field hockey is a brand new sport for students entering our high school. We have a very young but talented squad. Most of our team consists of Grade 9 and 10 students, who have never played this great, but difficult [to learn], at times, sport. Once they have embraced the quirky rules and the odd shaped stick (only one side can be used) they thoroughly enjoy and love the sport," he wrote in an email.

The Hawks may have lost this game, but getting to play was the silver lining that everyone recognized and it wasn't lost on senior student athletes such as field hockey co-captain Bella Smolen. She loved being able to represent the Red Hawks again like she did in 2019 as a Grade 10 student.

Smolen is hopeful the team can improve from the loss and make a run at getting to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship.

It will be easier with one less round of competition this year without having to win the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) championship. The COSSA berth was earned by coming in either first or second in Kawartha, but this year winning Kawartha will secure an all-provincials berth, which is something Smolen has never experienced. She is sharing the captaincy duties with Brook Stover and Cassidy McMullen, who all played together in Grade 9 and 10. They've looked to the past to be good leaders, thinking of captain Emma Casey, who led the team when they were starting with the program. Smolen adds each of the captains recognize that each of them possess different skills



A Holy Cross Hurricanes player battles Red Hawks player Macy Miscio for a ball during Kawartha Field Hockey League action on Oct. 5 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Hawks controlled the opening half, but surrendered a second half goal and lost the game 1-nil. This was the first high school competition held in close to two years because COVID-19 restrictions./DARREN LUM Staff

and have allowed each to share their specific skill-set with the younger players.

Along the adjacent asphalt path – the continuation of the Haliburton County Rail Trail – family and supporters of the team watched the game at a distance, which is among the COVID-19 safety measures in place at the school.

Darryl Winder, a volunteer coach of multiple sports teams during the year, enjoyed the opportunity to watch his daughter compete for the Red Hawks.

"It was amazing to see my daughter compete again in sports. It's been a long time. It is such a joy for kids to compete again. I am looking forward to more competitive sports for my kids in the future. The only depressing part was I wasn't allowed to be closer. Not being allowed on school property was a downer," he said, referring to his two sons and daughter and the restrictions.

Smolen said part of her motivation to return to in-class learning at the school was because of the chance to compete for the red and white. The school experience is ideal for her when there is the balance of academics and athletics.

"It just keeps my mind clear and when I don't want to go home and do homework I can go to field hockey practice instead," she said.

She added playing this first time was awkward because of how long it's been since she has played with a team of 10 against an opposing group of 10 players and how no one playing in this game wore a mask, which is in contrast to the common practice of mask wearing in the school.

The return to in-person learning has meant a learning curve for the senior student when it comes to interacting socially with her peers.

"It definitely feels like I'm one step behind in the social aspect of everything. There's kids on the team, who hung out all last year together and still have that bond and I don't know half the team because they're two or three years younger than me," she said.

While some things are returning to what they used to be,

there was also a reminder that we're far from pre-pandemic life, as the autumn pep rally was cancelled, leaving Smolen disappointed.

The rally typically precedes the Red Hawks first team game when the entire school would come together in the school gym to see the introduction of players and to cheer on the teams, including members of the different Red Hawks sports teams who would wear their jerseys for the day.

The field hockey program has only the one team and includes 27 rostered athletes this autumn.

Smith said the team's coaches focused on getting all the players some playing time and having them represent the school in the home opener.

The Hawks started strongly, controlling play in the Hurricanes end for much of the first half, earning at least a dozen short corners. However, they didn't capitalize and did not score. By the second half the Hurricanes regrouped and had sequences when they controlled possession, flipping the Hawks narrative to their advantage and found the back of the net for the go-ahead and eventual game-winner.

Coach Smith believed his team carried the play for most of the game outside of the scoring chances created by the Hurricanes.

"The difference between the first half and the second half was the coaching. I may have made a few changes at inopportune times which left our team short handed for a few seconds. In field hockey a few seconds can be the turning point for the game," he wrote in an email. Despite the result, the team is happy about its potential for success.

"The coaches are proud of our team for their first game in a long time. From our goalie, defence, mids and forwards we are extremely excited about the potential of what they can accomplish this year and the years to come. If we can stay healthy and keep everyone safe this year it will be a start to a very successful year of extracurricular sporting events at HHSS," he wrote in a message.

Players on the Hurricanes and the Red Hawks teams touch sticks, as a measure to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 following the home opener.



Running down a Kawartha championship

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The return to racing was welcomed by the Red Hawks cross-country team after close to two years away because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Four runners, Erika Hoare, Nick Phippen, Corin Gervais and Ivan Zagorsky represented the red and white at the Bay of Quinte Invitational at Dunnett Orchards in Brighton on Wednesday, Oct. 6, which featured athletes from Central Ontario high schools.

Leading the way was senior (16 to 18) runner Nick Phippen with a ninth place finish in the senior boys class, who averaged a 3:52 per kilometre pace over the 5,650 metre distance. This follows his eleventh place finish in the 50 kilometre race at the Haliburton Forest Trail Race a few weeks ago. The senior boys field of runners included the past novice boys all-provincial champion, Erik Unger of Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute.

Novice (13 to 14 years) girl Erika Hoare made her racing debut with a fifteenth place, and over the 3,700 metre race she averaged a 4:53 per kilometre pace. Teammates senior boy Corin Gervais finished twenty-ninth and Ivan Zagorsky, who also made his racing debut like Hoare, finished seventieth in the senior boys class. Zagorsky is a new Hawk, having recently moved to the Haliburton area from Windsor. Gervais has made a return after a hiatus from running, “but his commitment to practice fosters quick progress,” coach Karen Gervais wrote in an email.

Getting to facilitate the opportunity to race



Above, Red Hawks cross country runners Corin Gervais, from left, Ivan Zagorsky, Nick Phippen and Erika Hoare represented the Highlands at the Bay of Quinte Invitational held on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at the Dunnett Orchards in Brighton. /Submitted by Karen Gervais

moved the coach.

“As a coach, I felt a little emotional and overcome with joy watching athletes challenging themselves again and motivated to work towards their goals. The energy was very positive and athletes were very happy to be back at a competitive event. Dunnett Orchards was a beautiful venue for the meet

with lots of space for schools to spread out. The course was challenging, with a kilometre long climb from the lower orchard to the upper one. The senior boys did half of this climb again at the end of their 5.65 kilometre

course,” she wrote in an email.

The next competition for the runners is the Kawartha championships, which will be hosted at Lakefield College on Wed. Oct. 20.



Left, Red Hawks senior boys runner Nick Phippen charges up a hill on his way to a ninth place finish at the Bay of Quinte Invitational held at Dunnett Orchards on Wednesday, Oct. 6 in Brighton. /Submitted by Karen Gervais

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

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Request for Interested Parties

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for individuals and/or companies for the clean-up of properties as per Property Standards By-Law 11-61.

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Coboconk news

Spike it up to light it up

Have you seen the light installation on the hill at the Coboconk train station? The picture is beginning to emerge, and we are ready to share it with you. Come for a walk, a bike ride, or a drive to check it out.

Volunteer and Wellness Centre supporter Sherry Rea came up with the idea to light up the hill to help spread the message about the area's new Wellness Centre and raise money toward a \$1,000,000 goal. So far, the communities of Kirkfield, Norland, Coboconk, Burnt River and Rosedale have raised over \$640,000.

"I thought it would be exciting to come up with an idea that would allow family and friends to come and see an outdoor light installation that reflects the growing community contributions to the Wellness Centre and celebrate the restoration of the train station," said Sherry. "The best time to enjoy the installation is at dusk when the lights turn on to illuminate the symbol on the hill. I wonder what it might be?"

Here's how to help make the symbol appear...

Donate a minimum of \$25 to the Wellness Centre, and you will be donating a virtual

'railway spike' that is solar powered. As the donations come in, the light installation will grow, and the hill will light up to form an interesting symbol. What will the symbol be? You will find out when Sherry reaches her \$10,000 goal. Please help light up the hill!

The new Wellness Centre will be a hub for community health and community space for the underserved northern areas of Kawartha Lakes. By renovating and expanding the historic train station building in Coboconk, the centre will offer more doctors and after-hours care, along with dental, physio, and many more services, while preserving an important piece of the area's history.

To donate: www.WellnessCentreNorth.ca and click the "Donate" button and choose "Spike It Up," or by cash/cheque payable to Coboconk Medical Trust (P.O. Box 177, Coboconk, K0M 1K0) or at the Chamber of Commerce in Coboconk.

All aboard!

*Submitted by Hayley Phoenix-Winterburn
Coboconk, Norland & Area
Chamber of Commerce*



A unique fundraiser for a wellness centre in Coboconk sees solar-powered spikes on the ground forming a shape as donations are made to sponsor a light. /Submitted photo



Stepping up to the plate

Blacklisted Dolls had a great half season playing in Norland this past summer and fall, with eight wins, one tie and one loss. We are awaiting the tournament date to play for the A final in Norland. /Submitted by Lena Pelow, coach

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE THIS MEETING WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A VIRTUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: MONDAY, October 25, 2021

TIME: 10:30 AM

LOCATION: Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a **virtual meeting**.

To participate:

Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588

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Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at:
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Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing **must pre-register** by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by **Friday October 22nd before 4:00 PM** or by **attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 10:00 AM**. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

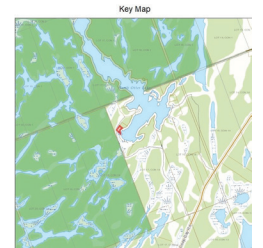
The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2021068, PMLV2021069 and PMLV2021071** and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications for Public Hearing are listed below:

PLMV2021068 – Part Lot 18, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1060 Oxbow Lane; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).



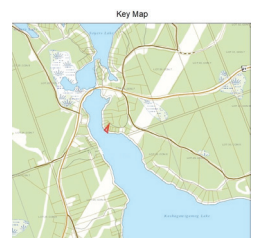
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a 2.9m² dwelling addition, and expansion of an attached deck, together with the reconstruction of a sleeping cabin having an increased height. In addition to the dwelling addition, the variance seeks to increase the existing 5.9m² attached deck to 23.7m², and increase the height of the sleeping cabin from 3 metres to 4.2 metres, all within 15 metres of the high water mark, whereas Section 4.4.8.iv of the Zoning By-law otherwise does not permit an increase in size or height of a building or structure located within 15 metres of the high water mark.

PLMV2021069 – Part Lot 17, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1328 Otter Lake Trail; and located on Otter Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a dwelling addition that seeks to increase the ground floor area of the dwelling 48%, whereas 25% is the maximum allowed, as per Section 4.8.4.iii of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

PLMV2021071 – Part Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1059 Grandview Lane; and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new dwelling with a setback of 15 metres from the high water mark, requesting an expansion of 26% and increased height of 3.5 metres whereas otherwise a maximum increase of 25% and 1.2 metres, is permitted as per Sections 4.8.4.ii and iii, respectively. The application also seeks to permit an increase in the new attached deck located 13 metres from the high water mark, whereas otherwise no increase in size is permitted for structures located within 15 metres of the high water mark, as per Section 4.8.4.iv of the Zoning By-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding these applications are available online at www.minden hills.ca/newsroom. Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@minden hills.ca.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY WHO IS OF THE OPINION THAT HOLDING THE HEARING AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE THEM SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. **If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.**

PRIVACY DISCLOSURE: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact adougherty@minden hills.ca.

Amanda Dougherty
Township Planning Consultant
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON, K0M 2K0

GENERATIONS



Elementary school students after school
Sisters Arianna, a Brownie, and Ella Hirstwood, a Spark, proudly share the turkey crafts they created last week at a Minden meeting of the Girl Guides of Canada. /Photo submitted by April Austen



Above, Nolan Gallagher, an SK student who turns five this week, made this heart out of blocks for his family. /Photo submitted by Courtney Gallagher

Grade 3 student Blair Fisher, seen here with Maggie, has been at horseriding lessons at Springwood Stables for just over eight weeks, with mom Emily Thackeray reporting that he “has done extremely well.” /Photo submitted by Cathy Fisher

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Answers on page 17

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



Grade 1 student McKinley Fisher is ready to roll with Miniature American Shepherd puppies at her grandma's house. /Photo submitted by Cathy Fisher



Grade 1 student Adalaide Davis is in CANSkate this year, one of the first skaters to try out the ice at the new Minden arena with her little sister Alannah, and her cousin, Lennon Allen. / Photo submitted by Danielle Davis

AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN

Books for Bark Lake Cultural Developments

A giant booksale held in Irondale over Thanksgiving weekend had a good turnout. "Not tons of money, but we were able to connect with our seasonal residents while they picked up their winter reading materials," said Carol Simmons of Bark Lake Cultural Developments. "Baking was a hit as well. Proceeds went to our charitable organization to help with website rebuilding costs. Our organization collects, preserves and shares the history of the Irondale area." /Submitted by Carol Simmons



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Wildlife Sanctuary



October's Rescue of the Month

Our pardoned turkey, Tina, had a Happy Thanksgiving! This sweet young girl was found standing all alone in Lisa's backyard in Kinmount after a flock of wild turkeys had moved on. She seemed confused and when approached, she didn't run, fly away nor show any signs of fearfulness. In fact, as Lisa stood beside her and called the sanctuary on her cell, she casually reached down to pet her while Tina stood there, looking up at her with those big brown eyes.

Tina is quite healthy overall, so we suspect someone must have raised her and clipped her wing feathers so she wouldn't fly away.

Tame and flightless, she would have been an easy target for someone's Thanksgiving dinner.

Tina is happy and safe with us now and we'll shelter her over the winter until her flight feathers grow back, and as she continues to mature, we hope her wild side will return.

Pardoned Tina is counting her blessings and hopes you all had a Happy Thanksgiving!

To learn more about Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, located on Duck Lake Road in Minden, visit woodlandswildlife-sanctuary.ca. /Submitted by Monika Melichar



Long weekend leisure

Alicia Gottschalk made use of a beautiful Thanksgiving Monday by engaging her animals in a photoshoot at their home near Kinmount. Top, Primrose the duck and Izzy the dog keep an eye on each other. Left: Daffy the Duck prepares to pose. / Photos submitted by Tracy Gottschalk



Isaac Marles, age 2, helped mom Miranda outside in the Minden area this weekend. "This is Isaac's idea of a relaxing long weekend," said dad, Kris. /Submitted by Kris Marles

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Beth was born into a family of 13 children in Summerside PEI. She had 8 brothers and 4 sisters and they all stayed very close throughout their lives. Beth and Cline owned a furniture and decorating business in Streetsville, Mississauga where she worked as an interior decorator. Later she was a yoga and fitness instructor and volunteered with the Salvation Army. Together with her husband, they purchased a piece of land on South Beaver Lake in Minden in 1968 where they built a cottage. She enjoyed entertaining the many visitors and cottage neighbours that came by over the years. They spent their retirement years between the cottage and Clearwater, Florida. Beth lived at the Staanworth apartments in Minden for 16 years where she enjoyed bingo, music and socializing with her many friends. She loved to walk, swim, exercise and visit the cottage.

A private celebration of Beth's life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Since COVID rules apply, attendance will be limited to invitation only. The service will be live streamed and will be available to view on our website for one week following the service. The link for the service is in the Photos and Videos and will appear the day of the service.

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During the past few weeks in Minden a sow and two cubs have been sighted near homes bordering on the wetlands south of the community arena. On a number of occasions, garbage containers have been over-turned or destroyed by bears attracted to the location by the odour. A number of residents along North Water Street have seen or heard bears near their homes. In one case the bear entered a garage in search of food.

Early Saturday morning, a bear tipped over the garbage enclosure next to Gina's Shear Talent, spilling its contents across the parking lot. A garbage can next to The Times office was also overturned.

Residents of the McKayville subdivision report that hungry bears left a trail of over-turned composters throughout the neighbourhood.

Bears have also been seen at various locations in Haliburton village, Coboconk, Carnarvon and Gooderham among other communities.

MNR spokesman Stan Flemming said a poor natural food crop such as acorns and beech nuts is forcing the bears to search for other sources of food. He suggested the best way to ensure a bear does not visit your property is to clear away all garbage, remove fallen apples and keep pet food inside. He noted that most of the bears in Algonquin Park have retired to dens for

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Ernice Warder : Highlander of the Year

Long-time resident and community volunteer Ernice Warder has been named the 1995 Highlander of the Year.

The award was presented Wednesday evening at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce annual meeting held at Red Umbrella Inn.

Chamber of Commerce president Connie Sims introduced the recipient to the Chamber members. She noted that among the seven nominations received by the board, one stood out among all the rest as deserving of the recognition.

The Highlander of the Year award is presented annually by the Chamber to an outstanding citizen who has made a meaningful contribution to life in the community.

Sims noted that Mrs. Warder had been an active member of the community and continues to make a valuable contribution to life in the Highlands. She then listed some of the many organizations with which she has been involved. Among those are:

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■ a member of the board of directors of the Haliburton County Information Service.

■ a volunteer with the Haliburton Highlands Literacy Society.

■ past chairperson of the Parklane Apartments Residents Association (a seniors' apartment complex in Haliburton)

■ a volunteer with the local chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Her work has included being a part of the annual canvass for funds and organizer of the annual swim for heart fund raising effort.

■ recording secretary for District 18, Victoria/Haliburton, Superannuated Teachers of Ontario.

■ membership convener for the Haliburton Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers of Ontario.

■ member of the Dymo bus committee and participant in the county-wide transportation task force.

■ organizer of bus transportation for seniors and the disabled for

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President of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Connie Sims, left, congratulates Ernice Warder on being recognized as the Highlander of the Year.

No word on emergency department's hours

by Andrew Milne

With just over a week left before the end of the month, Minden is still waiting for word on what will happen to its hospital in November.

The finance committee of St. Joseph's of Peterborough, Minden hospital's parent hospital, was to recommend October 19 what hours, if any, the emergency ward of the Minden facility would remain open from November to the end of the fiscal year in March of 1996. The committee has now met, but as of press time (October 22) their recommendation has not been made public.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has to approve the recommendation before action can be taken, and is now expected to make the decision early this week.

The staff, confirms Ontario Nursing Association (ONA) representative Jeannette Gibbons, are anxiously awaiting word.

Said Gibbons October 20, "I've been sitting around all day, waiting to hear... We understood that the deadline was supposed to be the nineteenth or twentieth. It just creates a little more apprehension and tension."

All nursing staff in the facility have received layoff notices, but the hospital has stated that some of these will be rescinded, once the decision on the operating hours has been made and the staffing needs become more clear.

Executive director of St. Joseph's, Frank Lussing, was in Haliburton October 20, after the finance com-

mittee meeting, to meet with the local Acting Health Services Board (AHSB), but did not comment to the board on the finance committee's decision.

The Minden Hospital is currently in the throes of a major funding and staffing crisis, due to an acute shortage of doctors available to staff the wards. The in-patient ward has been closed since mid-April, and St. Joseph's has been paying to bring in doctors from outside the community to staff the emergency ward, but the cost of doing this has quite seriously eaten into the hospital's operating funds.

St. Joseph's finance committee had earlier recommended that the Minden hospital emergency ward be closed, leaving only an office hours clinic in the building, effective the end of September, but the MOH instructed St. Joseph's that before doing so, they would have to submit a revised operating plan to the ministry, and the ministry would have to approve it. In the interim, St. Joseph's reduced the operating hours of the emergency ward for the month of October to 16 hours per day rather than 24. The hospital currently closes between midnight and 8 am.

St. Joseph's was also instructed by the MOH to seek the opinions of a number of local groups involved in health care in Haliburton County, on what hours, from their point of view, the facility should remain open. Both St. Joseph's local Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and the AHSB have responded that 24 hour service should be maintained, as has the county of Victoria.

Lussing, however, had previously stated that the cost of running the ward for 24 hours a day — creating a deficit for the year of around \$350,000 on a budget of \$1.3 million — ruled it out as an option, unless the MOH could come up with the money.

The AHSB is expected to take over ownership of both the Minden and Haliburton hospitals in late 1996 or early 1997, and will in all likelihood abandon the aging Minden facility in favour of running its emergency services elsewhere — likely at the Hyland Crest long term care facility. The AHSB is however in no position to put such services in place now, meaning a closure or hours reduction will leave some residents of the Minden region and northern Victoria County considerably farther from an open emergency ward.

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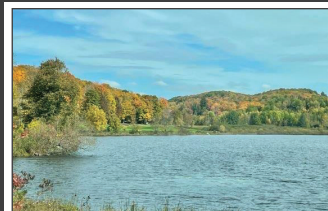
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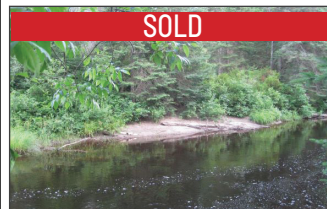
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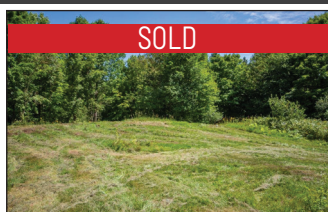
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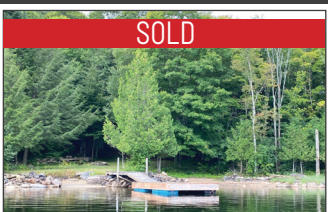
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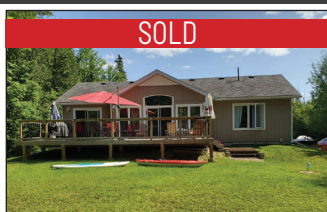
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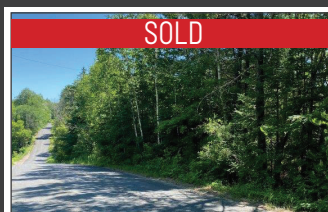
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Long Lake \$750,000

- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths home/cottage
- Unfinished basement w/walkout
- Bunkie, stairs to waterfront
- 2-lake chain w/Miskwabi



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447-2055

Wilberforce \$479,000

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- Basement ready to finish
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Greg Stamp*
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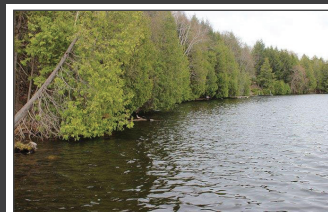
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